



Marine Academy Primary and Nursery Newsletter October 2016

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...providing an outstanding education that ensures all pupils reach their greatest potential and live by life's highest values.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

Dear Parents/Carers of Marine Academy Primary and Nursery pupils,

As the first half of the Autumn Term draws to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the Primary and Nursery. All of the staff at the Academy really appreciate the fantastic parental engagement that we have. Thank you to everyone who has/will be attending Parents/Carers Meetings and the Harvest Festivals.

October has been another busy month at Marine Academy Primary and Nursery with Harvest Festivals, Parents/Carers Meetings, Bring Your events in Reception, a trip to Bovisand Beach for Year 1, an Outdoor Learning Day for Year 2, Swimming every morning for three weeks for Year 3 and a trip to Goose Fair for Years 4 and 5. The children continue to show excellent behaviour and are fantastic role models inside and outside of the Academy; we are all very proud of them!

Have a really lovely half term break!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Siobhan Meredith

Dates for Your Diary...

Week Beginning 17th October:
Parents/Carers Meetings

Week Beginning 17th October: No Extra-Curricular Activities this week, they will continue week beginning 31st October

19th October at 8:30-11:00am: Class RGS Bring Your Grandparents to School Morning

19th October at 2:15pm: Nursery and Reception Harvest Festival in the Primary Hall

20th October at 8:30-11:00am: Class RCJ Bring Your Grandparents to School Morning

20th October at 2:15pm: Key Stage One Harvest Festival in the Primary Hall

20th October: Special Top Secret Visitor to Classes RCJ and RGS!

20th October: Some Children from Years 3 and 4 taking part in Cross Country Event at Staddiscombe

20th October: Last Day of Term 1

21st October: INSET Day – Primary and Nursery Closed to Children

Week Beginning 24th October: Holiday Club Open for Primary and Nursery Children who have booked at Marine Academy Nursery

31st October: First Day of Term 2

Week Beginning 31st October: Extra-Curricular Activities continue this week

31st October: First Day of Term 2

2nd November: Year 1 Festival Day including an Indian Dance Workshop

2nd November: Reception Trip to St Budeaux Library

3rd November: Year 3 Faith Trail Trip

3rd November: Children from Year 5 Performing in the Royal British Legion Service in Drake's Circus

8th November at 10:00am: Open Morning for Children Starting Reception in September 2017

9th November at 2:00pm: Open Afternoon for Children Starting Reception in September 2017

Operation Christmas Child

At the beginning of November, the children will all be putting together their own shoe boxes to be donated to the Samaritan's Christmas Shoe Box Appeal.

We are in need of shoe boxes for this please and if you would like to make a 50p donation towards the resources and toys going into the boxes, please put it in an envelope and pass to your child's class teacher or one of the Admin Team by Friday 11th November. Other donations such as dolls, toy trucks, stuffed animals, yo-yos, skipping ropes, balls, toys etc. or pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, writing pads or paper, colouring and picture books, sticker sheets etc. would also be brilliant if you have them please. All items must be new and where appropriate have labels please. Due to the shoeboxes being sent all over the world to help children in poverty, items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, combs, flannels would also be great please. Your child could even write a little note to go into the box to wish the child receiving it a Merry Christmas.

Thank you very much for your support.



Advance Notice for Children in Need

For Children in Need this year the theme is 'Spotacular', therefore on Friday 18th November we were hoping that children could come to the Primary and Nursery looking as spotty as possible please.

More Dates for Your Diary...

15th November: Reception Trip to the National Marine Aquarium

16th November: Some Children from Year 5 taking part in an Athletics Competition at MAP

16th November: Tempest Photography taking individual Nursery children – if your child is in the Primary and missed our photo day then please let the Admin Team know if you would like your child to have their photo taken on this day

18th November: Children in Need – children to wear spotty clothes to school please

28th November: Academy Council Representatives from Years 3, 4 and 5 Trip to London and the Houses of Parliament

30th November: Glee Club Performance at St Budeaux Community Centre

7th December: Year 1 Trip to the Oral Health Centre at Plymouth University

8th December: Year 2 Trip to the Oral Health Centre at Plymouth University

8th December at 9:30am: Nursery and Reception Christmas Production

8th December at 1:00pm: Class 4LG Singing at the Lord Mayor's Carol Concert at St. Andrew's Church

8th December at 2:15pm: Key Stage One Christmas Production

9th December at 9:30am: Key Stage One Christmas Production

9th December at 2:15pm: Nursery and Reception Christmas Production

14th December at 2:15pm: Key Stage Two Christmas Pantomime

15th December at 9:30am: Key Stage Two Christmas Pantomime

16th December: Nursery and Primary Christmas Carol Concert

16th December: Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children – children to wear Christmas Jumpers/other jumpers to school instead of their Academy jumpers

16th December: Last Day of Term 2

3rd January: INSET Day – Primary and Nursery Closed to Children

4th January: First Day of Term 3

4th January: Year 5 begin 3 weeks of Swimming Lessons at the Life Centre

5th January: Year 3 Trip to the Theatre Royal to watch the Pantomime, Snow White

11th January: Year 1 Trip to the Eden Project

16th January: Tempest Photography taking Primary Class Photos



Years 4 and 5 Trip to Goose Fair

On Wednesday 12th October, children in year 4 and 5 visited Goose Fair in Tavistock as part of their Curriculum Learning for this term, which was 'Fairgrounds'. Children had the chance to experience the traditional Goose Fair by visiting the auction houses of geese and cattle and even practised milking a cow! They then enjoyed the modern wonders of fairgrounds by visiting the Waltzers and the Helter Skelters which ensured lots of laughs. A great day was had by all and the children have left with lots of wonderful memories of the Fairground.

Reception Bring Your... Events

Thank you to all of the mums, dads and special people who attended the Bring Your... events in Classes RCJ and RGS. It was lovely to be able to give you the opportunity to find out more about how your children learn at Marine Academy Primary. We are looking forward to welcoming grandparents!

Harvest Festivals

Thank you to everyone for all of your kind donations of food and smart clothes for Plymouth Foodbank. It is really appreciated and we think we will beat last year's total of 150kg of food donated!



Staff Changes...

On the last day of this term, we say goodbye to Miss Harding as she leaves us to have a baby. Miss Harding has worked in Class RCJ for the last year and we will miss her when she is off but look forward to her returning. To cover Miss Harding in Class RCJ, we have appointed Miss Norris. Miss Norris joins us with a fantastic knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Also, following the Half Term break Mrs Lamb will join the Reception team as the teacher who teaches the classes when Miss Stephens or Mrs Jones are not there. We know that everyone will make both staff members feel really welcome.



NOW AVAILABLE FROM 7:30AM!